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Environment Department to Show Santa Fe Businesses How to Reduce Pollution and Improve Bottom Line

(Santa Fe, NM) - New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Secretary Ron Curry and Deputy Secretary Derrith Watchman-Moore will partner with the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce to host a Pollution Prevention presentation for local small businesses.

The presentation will be held in Santa Fe on August 8, 2005, from 2 to 4 pm at the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce, 8380 Cerrillos Road, in their conference room.

This presentation will showcase how small businesses can benefit economically and environmentally from waste reduction and pollution prevention practices. The event is open and free to the public.

"Any type of waste is a drag on profits," said Secretary Curry. "I hope that businesses will be able to join us for this free pollution prevention seminar to learn how to protect the environment and improve their bottom line."

NMED is committed to assisting small businesses through its Pollution Prevention (P2) Program. The P2 Program is designed to serve New Mexico businesses, local governments and state agencies to help in the reduction and elimination of pollution and waste at the source. The P2 Program also offers workshops and free site assessments. For more information on the program please see: http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/P2_Web

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